(c) if so, what is latest stand taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Indian Airlines is considering induction of new aircraft to replace the fleet of Airbus A300 (including leased aircraft) and Boeing 737 aircraft and also to augment capacity to cater to the expected annual growth of around 5% in the domestic traffic. The technical evaluation of the aircraft proposed for induction has been completed. It is estimated that induction of around 38 aircraft during five years period will be required.

Indian Airlines has now been advised to formulate a specific proposal for acquisition of these aircrafts for Government's approval.

(b) and (c) No bidder for Indian Airlines is left in the fray. Decision regarding restarting of the process or otherwise has so far not been taken.

Scanning of Pilots and trainee Pilots

2894. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Court has asked Government to conduct a survey of all the pilots and trainee pilots in view of the recent terrorist attack on World Trade Centre in New York on September 11, 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the scanning would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

First-Aid Training to Air Hostesses

2895. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are instances when passengers in Indian Airlines aircraft died during flights;